



KERN RIVER NEWS

Official Newsletter of the
Kern Valley River Council

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Special Points of interest:

- Events at Kern Festival
- Hooligan B.Y.O.B – Build Your Own Boat!
- Run / Paddle Biathlon
- Riverside Whitewater Park – Permitting Begins
- July 7th – Kern River Clean Up Day
- 2012 Sierra Cup Slalom Schedule

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

For Brush Creek and Hooligan Race

For Brush Creek: Need volunteers early Saturday morning to help with setup. Contact Eric Giddens at eric@kernriverbrewing.com

For Hooligan Race: Need Volunteers for safety, on shore and in boats, for debris and people sweep at the end of the course and other various jobs. For shore safety, need to know how to use a throw-rope. For on-water safety, need kayakers and rafters will be placing people all along course, from end of Ewings to end of Park. Need people to check in boats at start and at end to make sure everyone is accounted for. This is a volunteer-intensive event, so all help will be appreciated. Contact Tom Moore at Tom@sierrasouth.com

KERN RIVER FESTIVAL 2012

April 21-22, 2012

Returning Events – HOOLIGAN RACE Free Camping With Registration New – Biathlon & SUP Races

Returning for this year is the **HOOLIGAN B.Y.O.B – Build Your Own Boat Race**. This exciting event is a parade of self-made boats that will travel downriver and attempt to make it to the end of the Park. The “Race” is to see which boats that can make it to the finish before falling apart! In 2011 we saw some very unique and exciting boats. What is in store for 2012!? Who knows? The more creative the boat, the better!



Continuing events for the Festival include the TJ Slalom Race, open to boaters of all levels and types of whitewater boats, with classes for Expert, Intermediate, Novice, Junior and Cadets, the Brush Creek Race for expert paddlers. A **Standup Boarder-Cross** will be held with the slalom race on Sunday. Standup Boards will be available for demo and use in the race by Imagine Surf and Boardworks Surf. SUP clinics will be available at a minimal charge for those anxious to learn this new and exiting paddling sport.

Sponsor booths will be set up in the Park during the entire event, along with a silent auction of whitewater boating goodies on Saturday. A BBQ dinner, kayak videos and a live band highlight Saturday evening activities at Riverside Park

Our newest event is the **RUN / PADDLE BIATHLON**. It includes a two-mile run from Riverside Park to the Powerhouse Put-in, then a two-mile paddle-as-fast-as-you-can run back to the Park. Participants may enter to do both legs, or form a team with one member running, the other paddling. Classes will be for plastic, race, inflatable boats and SUPs.

We are glad to again offer **FREE CAMPING** for registered boaters. Each person registered for any Festival event except Hooligan Race will be entitled to a free night of camping at Camp Kernville, across the street from the Park. Non-registered people and Hooligan racers may get a space for \$5.00 a night (Friday & Saturday) Spaces are limited in number of campers, two-car limit. See registration for exact details.

The **GEAR SWAP** is returning this year. As a principle fundraiser for the **Riverside Park Restoration**, we will be offering for sale **ANY TYPE OF USED OUTDOOR OR INDOOR GEAR** that has been donated or brought in on consignment. The owner of any big ticket items will get 25% of the sale IF they stay with their goods at the booth until sold. For unsold items, the owner may leave it as a donation or take it back home. The Gear Swap will be held on Saturday and Sunday at Riverside Park. Bring in anything you no longer use but is still in good condition and help us with the Riverside Whitewater Park & Restoration Project!

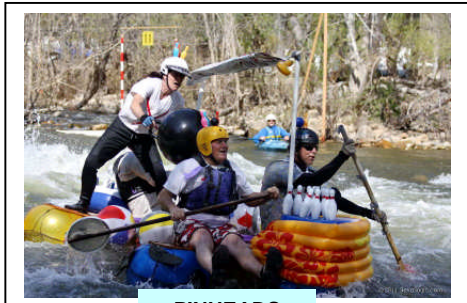
KERN RIVER WHITEWATER FESTIVAL

THIRD ANNUAL HOOLIGAN BUILD YOUR OWN BOAT COMPETITION!!

On April 21, 2012 at Riverside Park, Kernville
Open to EVERYONE!!!

The Rules? Not much....

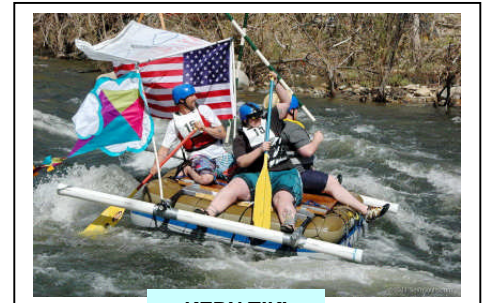
- Only MAKE-SHIFT boats, using NON-BOAT MATERIALS
- All participants must wear Type III-Whitewater PFD's. Helmets Recommended
- Participants under 18 MUST be accompanied by an adult on the river.
- EVERYONE MUST CHECK IN WHEN THEY GET OUT OF THE WATER



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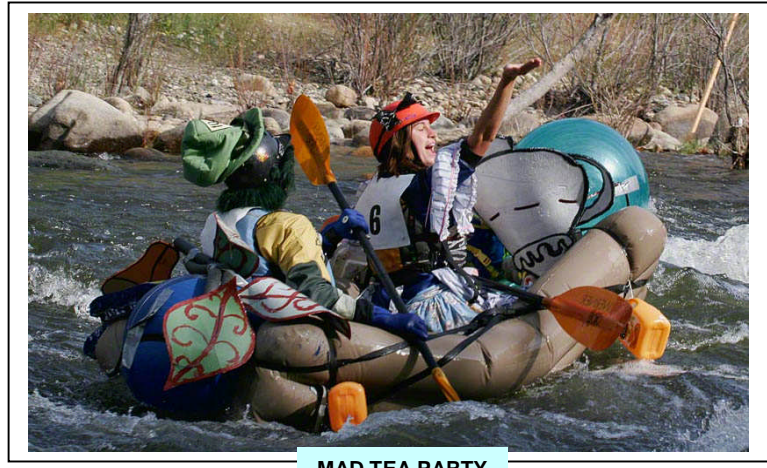
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MAD TEA PARTY

If you are up to the Challenge, get your group together and start building a boat. Can be for a single person or a group of people. Will have to navigate the boat from the bottom of Ewings Rapid (not through the rapid) to the bottom of Riverside Park. Sounds Simple!?? Well, not really.

Date & Times: April 21, 2012. Hooligan race starts at 3:00 p.m.

MUST REGISTER NO LATER THAN 1:30 P.M. AT RIVERSIDE PARK!!

Entry Fee: \$30 per boat. (Additional Insurance Fee of \$5.00 per person required).

Race Registration: Riverside Park, Kernville CA, Kern River Festival
Festival BBQ and Hooligan Videos right after race at Frandy Park

For more information call Sierra South River Store, (760) 376-3745 or Terry Valle (818) 340-3083

**2012 KERN FESTIVAL REGISTRATION FORMS
ARE AVAILABLE AT OUR WEBSITE:
<http://www.kernfestival.com>**

2012 KERN RIVER WHITEWATER FESTIVAL

Hosted by Kern Valley River Council
SCHEDULE

Friday, April 20

12 noon-5 p.m.	Riverside Park	Event Set Up -Volunteers Requested
2 p.m. – 5 p.m.	Riverside Park	Registration begins when tent & tables set up.

Saturday, April 21

8 am - 3 pm	Riverside Park	Registration
8 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Riverside Park	Slalom Course Practice
9:00 a.m.	Brush Creek Parking Lot	Registration for Brush Creek
10:00 a.m.	Brush Creek	Racers Meeting
11:00 a.m.	Brush Creek	Brush Creek Race begins
1:00 – 3:00 P.M.	Riverside Park	Gear Swap
2:00 p.m.	Camp Kernville	Boaters Meeting – Hooligan Race
3:00 p.m.	Riverside Park	Hooligan Competition
5:30 p.m. (After Hooligan Race)	Riverside Park	BBQ Dinner with KRBC Beer, soft Drinks, etc. Live Band. Whitewater Videos. Awards for all events completed.
5:30 p.m.- 7:30 p.m.	Riverside Park	Silent Auction during Dinner

Sunday, April 22

No Registration!	No Registration!	No Registration!
8:00 a.m.	Riverside Park	Biathlon Meeting (mandatory)
8:30 a.m.	Riverside Park	Biathlon Run starts
8:45 a.m.	Riverside Park	Meeting--Slalom Judging & Timing
9:30 a.m.	Riverside Park	TJ Slalom Boaters Meeting
10:00 a.m.	Riverside Park	TJ Slalom Race / Boarder-Cross
1:00 – 3:00 P.M	Riverside Park	Gear Swap
1:30 p.m.	Riverside Park	Drawing for Raffle awards
After last race	Riverside Park	Slalom & Downriver Awards

**ONE NIGHT FREE CAMPING FOR REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS AT THE OFFICIAL
CAMPGROUND FOR THE 2012 KERN RIVER WHITEWATER FESTIVAL.**

Pick up a camping voucher when you register and present it to the CAMP KERNVILLE office upon arrival. All Festival campers **MUST** check-in at the office upon arrival. Additional nights & non-registered persons cost \$5 per night. One vehicle per 2 guests allowed. Extra vehicle pass is \$5 per day.

ANY PERSON ON CAMPGROUND WITHOUT A DAY PASS WRISTBAND WILL BE CHARGED \$20 PER DAY OR ASKED TO LEAVE THE PREMESIS.





2012 SIERRA CUP SERIES



Race	Location / Events	Dates	Organizer
#1 Kern River Festival	Kern River, Kernville California www.kernfestival.com Slalom / Downriver / Brush Creek and Hooligan Competition	April 21-22 2012	Kern Valley River Council Terry Valle (818) 340-3083 tvalle@ix.netcom.com
#2 Cache Creek Whitewater Races	Cache Creek, West of Woodland, California www.sanfranciscobay.sierraclub.org/rivertouring Slalom / Downriver	May 13-14 2012	Sierra Club RTS, SF Bay Chapter Marguerite Young (510) 654-1446 Myben@sbcglobal.net or Keith Kishiyama (925) 455-8850 k_kishiyama@sbcglobal.net
#3 Reno / Truckee Whitewater Races	Truckee River Downtown Reno, Nevada Slalom / Downriver	June 16 2012	Sierra Nevada/Reno Whitewater Paddlers – Contact Lynn Zonge (775) 883-1698 lynnzonge@charter.net Charlie Albright (775) 324-5102 cralbright@juno.com
#4 Miracle Hot Springs Slalom Race	Lower Kern River Miracle Hot Springs Campground Slalom Race Course http://www.kvrc.org Slalom	Aug 4-5 2012 Depending On Water	Kern Valley River Council Lynne Siodmak (805) 844-5966 Lynne_Siodmak@patagonia.com
#5 American River Festival	South Fork of the American River Nugget Campground www.americanriverfestival.org Slalom / Freestyle / Riverboarding	Sept 8-9 2012	American River Festival Contact: Dan Crandall (530) 333-9115 dan@kavaking.com
#6 Eddy Hop Slalom Race	Rancheria Rapid Section Lower Kern River Bakersfield, California http://www.kernriver.org Slalom / Downriver	Sept 8-9 2012	Kern River Alliance Mary Wilkening mfwilkening@gmail.com
#7 Mokelumne Whitewater Races	Mokelumne River Jackson, California http://www.mokeraces.com Slalom / Downriver	Sept 15-16 Or Sept 22-23 Check Web	Loma Prieta Paddlers Contact: Tom Musolf info@mokeraces.com

